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Announcement

TO: Superintendents and Charter Holders

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DATE: February 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **Opening of Period for Public Comment**

This announcement is to inform you of the opening of a period for public comment regarding the following action.

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is applying to the U.S. Secretary of Education for a one-year waiver of the Title I, Part A requirement for local education agency to provide parents with notice of public school choice options at least 14 days before the start of the school year (34 CFR § 200.37(b)(4)(iv)).

As required by federal law, the ADE must solicit comments from interested LEAs and the public regarding this action.

ADE believes this waiver is necessary because of the late return of the AIMS math results due to standard setting.

This waiver will apply to schools and LEAs newly identified for Title I improvement, or schools and LEAs remaining in Title I improvement, based on the AYP evaluations that will be released at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. If the waiver is granted, these schools and LEAs will not have had to inform parents of school choice options at least 14 days before the start of the school year. (Schools and LEAs must still inform parents some time before the start of the school year.)

The deadline for submitting comments is Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

Please submit your comments to achieve@azed.gov or mail them to:

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